objectives the expansion of productive employment through growth of the industry, and the enrichment of human resource skills and capabilities, with special emphasis on those working in the decentralized sectors of the industry. It calls for welfare schemes for ensuring a healthy and safe working environment for powerloom workers; in the handloom sector, it requires measures for skill upgradation and training of weavers to produce high value items or alternate employment in textile and allied sectors; and in the organized mill industry, emphasizes a pragmatic and rational exit policy with adequate protection of the workers interest, including a review of the Textile Wokers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme, to mitigate the problems of displaced workers.

Readymade Garments Complex at Jabalpur

†5237. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the contribution of your Ministry in the proposed Readymade Garments Complex at Jabalpur; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) No central assistance has been committed for Readymade Garments Complex at Jabalpur under the 'Apparel Park for Exports" scheme.

Crisis in Textile Industry in Gujarat

5238. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the closure of number of textile mills have created a serious crisis in the textile industry, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the number of mills closed and the ones on the verge of closure;

(c) whether the crisis has been further accentuated as a result of the recent disturbances in Ahmedabad; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi. -

(d) if so, what concrete steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to revive the textile industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHFTf V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) At any given point of time, some textile mills could be lying closed due to various reasons such as power supply, labour problem, excess capacity, lack of modernisation and technological upgradation, financial difficulties, etc. As per information collected as on 28-2-2002, 413 cotton man-made fibre textile mills (Non-SSI) were lying closed in the country, out of which 91 mills were in Gujarat. Government does not maintain data regarding mills on the verge of closure.

(c) and (d) Government of Gujarat has informed that due to recent riots/disturbances in Ahmedabad, 11 small scale units have been damaged/affected with a loss of Rs. 82 lakhs approximately.

Government of Gujarat has taken the following steps to revive textile industry:

(i) A package of interest subsidy, exemption in electricity duty and sales tax deferment benefits for riot-affected units.

(ii) Industrial Policy—2000 provides for SSI units/service sector units interest subsidy, capital investment subsidy and financial assistance to medium and large scale projects for creating infrastructure facilities.

(iii) Budget provision of Rs. 67.78 crores during 2002-03 for promotion of apparel park, upgradation of powerloom and textile technology.

Proposal for setting up a Textiles Park by Government of Andhra Pradesh

5239. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to approve setting up a textile park by the Andhra Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received; and